

**Subject:** Re: note from Thomas Lake / CNN  
**Date:** Friday, July 6, 2018 at 5:18:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Russell Bauknight  
**To:** Lake, Thomas G.  
**CC:** [REDACTED]

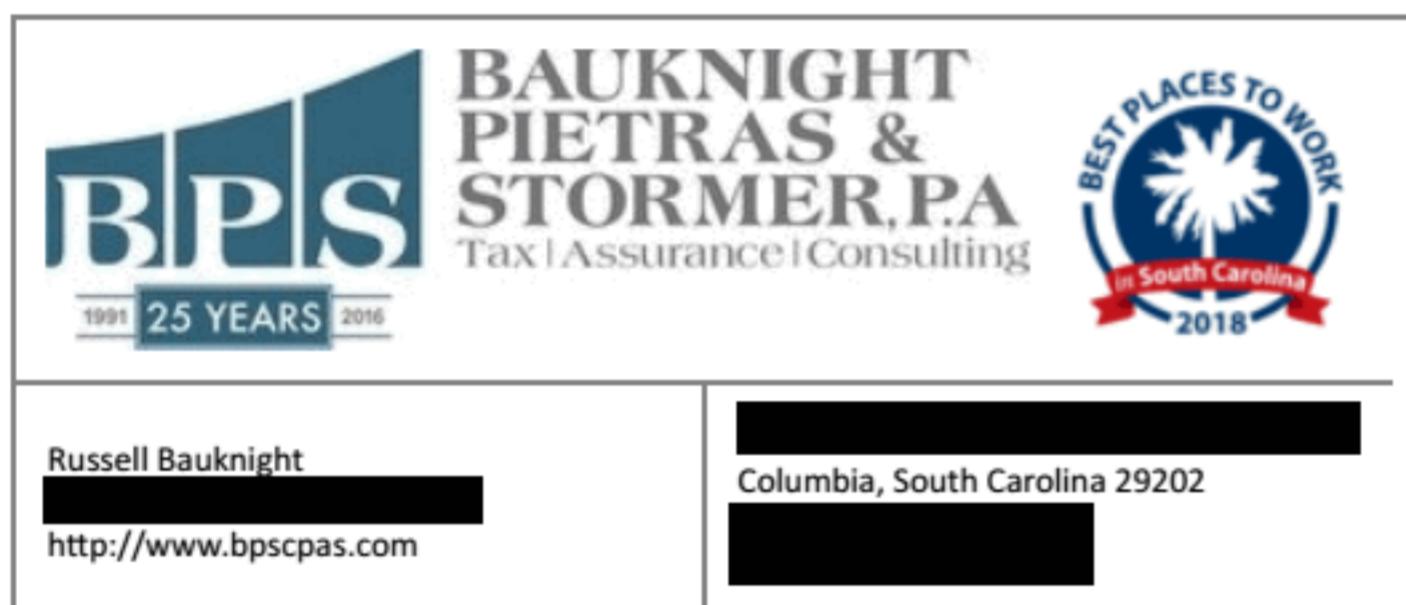
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Mr. Lake,

One other comment that I would like to make. If it is not obvious by the fact that Mr. Brown's property is completely fenced in and gated, I do want to let you know that you do not have any right whatsoever to step foot on the property. You are hereby placed on trespass notice. Any trespass on Mr. Brown's property for any reason whatsoever will result in me having to contact the sheriffs department for prosecution.

I am by no means accusing you of having been on Mr. Brown's property, I am simply letting you know that your presence is not welcome.

Russell



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On Jul 6, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Lake, Thomas G. <[Thomas.Lake@cnn.com](mailto:Thomas.Lake@cnn.com)> wrote:

Thank you for your reply, Mr. Bauknight.

I'm sure you know by now that I had a brief conversation with Mr. David Washington yesterday at the gate outside James Brown's former home in South Carolina. Mr. Washington was friendly and cordial, but he declined to answer my questions. As best I can tell, he believes that his employment situation precludes him from talking to me.

Thus, I'm reaching out to you, his supervisor with the James Brown estate. I am asking if you will grant permission to Mr. Washington to share with me his recollections of Mr. Brown's final days. I make this request in the course of a good-faith inquiry regarding the life and death of Mr.